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For : A METHOD FOR INTERLEAVING DATA )  
IN PACKET-BASED )  
COMMUNICATIONS AND A SYSTEM )  
THEREOF )

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified patent application:

**In The Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 4-7, 10-13 and 16-18 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for communications using interleaving, the method comprising:
- determining a first position of elements of data in an interleaved sequence using a second position of the elements in a source sequence and a number of elements to be skipped;
  - interleaving the elements of data in the source sequence according to the determined first position of the elements to form the interleaved sequence, wherein